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Sent on behalf of Deryck Trehearne, DG GOC

Colleagues,

New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 15 Feb. Please ensure proper distribution of the KPs to officials with need-to-know.

BLUF

- **As of 10:00 EST 16 Feb, CTV news is reporting that OPS are currently working their way in groups up the streets leading to Wellington issuing warnings. Tow trucks are standing by.**
- **As of 10:00 EST 16 Feb, OPS are reporting that there are minimal people on Parliament Hill (with approx. 100 persons on surrounding streets) and there were some departures of vehicles during the day.**
- **Emerson, MB: RCMP announced a possible resolution to the blockade for 16 Feb with reports that protestors will clear the site by 13:00 EST 16 Feb.**
- **The RCMP requested on 15 Feb that the NOTAM over the Coutts Border Crossing, AB and Milk River AB protest be cancelled. The airspace restriction has been lifted.**
- **RCMP charge four men with plotting to murder officers in connection with Coutts border protest.**
[Link](#)
- **RRM Canada has not seen evidence of significant foreign state sponsored involvement in the online information space to date.**

- For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).

IMPACTED AREAS: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- **As of 10:00 EST 16 Feb, CTV news is reporting that OPS are currently working their way in groups up the streets leading to Wellington handing out leaflets to protesters, warning them to leave the area or face criminal charges. Tow trucks are standing by. [Link](#)**
- **As of 10:00 EST 16 Feb, OPS are reporting that there are minimal people on Parliament Hill (with approx. 100 persons on surrounding streets) and there were some departures of vehicles during the day. Status of bridges remains the same, with the Champlain, Chaudière and Macdonald-Cartier bridges all open, in both directions.**
- **Court grants an extension of noise injunction against horn blowing in downtown Ottawa for 60 days.**
- Peter Sloly has resigned as Ottawa's police chief. His resignation was publicly announced during a meeting of the Ottawa Police Services Board. [Link](#)
- In the wake of the Ottawa police chief's resignation, three levels of policing have come together to jointly run the response to the protests, now in their third week, in the capital.
- Deputy Chief Steve Bell has been appointed the interim police chief and will work alongside the RCMP and the Ontario Provincial Police as part of the policing command centre coordinating response. [Link](#)
- Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino says an integrated command centre has been set up so the RCMP and OPP can share and assume command over the enforcement necessary to bring about public order in Ottawa.
- The Minister went on to say that the federal government's focus is ensuring the Ottawa police, as well as the RCMP and OPP, have all the tools necessary to restore public order in the city [Link](#)
- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill until 28 Feb.

Emerson POE:

- **Manitoba RCMP is coordinating the departure of the remaining demonstrators and expects that this will be completed by the afternoon of 16 Feb.**
- As of 15 Feb, the blockade remains north of the POE. Some traveller traffic is able to enter Canada but commercial and other traffic is rerouted to adjacent POEs. RCMP will continue letting livestock vehicles through.
 - Border protest needs to end but *Emergencies Act* not wanted in Manitoba: Premier Stefanson. [Link](#)

- NOTAM over Emerson has been extended until 21 Feb.

Coutts POE:

- **Coutts, AB: POE remains fully operational, with no border wait time. The Coutts site and Check Point 10 are officially clear of protestors. RCMP continue to remain in the vicinity.**
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WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

IMVE:

- **As per ITAC:**
 - Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.
 - The most likely IMVE-related scenario involves an individual or small group using readily available weapons and resources such as knives, firearms, homemade explosives and vehicles in public areas against soft targets, including opposition groups or members of the general public.
 - The increase in violent online rhetoric targeting uniformed personnel is likely not indicative of increased intent by IMVE actors to conduct planned, directed attacks against members of law enforcement. Uniformed personnel are more likely to be targeted because of their accessibility in the course of their duties. The terrorism threat to uniformed personnel remains MEDIUM.
 - IMVE adherents may feel empowered by the level of disorder resulting from the protests. This could lead to individuals vulnerable to extremist messaging to commit isolated acts of violence.

International:

- **NSTR**

Maritime/CCG:

- **NSTR**

Foreign Interference:

- **RRM Canada has not seen evidence of significant foreign state sponsored involvement in the online information space to date.**
- **RRM Canada notes that some foreign state media and grey media (sites with suspected links to state media) are amplifying narratives critical of the Prime Minister and the government's handling of the protest, but the majority of online content appears to derive from domestic and transnational non-state actors, including ideologically motivated (IM), conspiratorial, and COVID disinformation communities, as well as average users.**
- **Facebook has reported^[1] that some groups/pages targeting American sympathizers, including IMVE communities, were run by content mills in countries including Vietnam, Bangladesh, Romania, but there is no evidence of state affiliation and motivation could be profit.**

Financing:

- **FINTRAC is working closely with businesses and its Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing Regime partners to implement the new requirements that were announced by the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister on February 14.**
- **Crowdfunding sites are not a regulated business sector under the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (PCMLTFA). However, should these sites transact with or through [businesses](#) that are subject to the Act, such as financial institutions, suspicious transactions may be reported.**

CSIS/CSE:

- **No concerns at this time.**

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS:

- **Emerson, MB: Protest organizers have signaled via social media their intent to disperse from the highway at 13:00 noon EST.**
- **Members of the Ottawa blockade that has kept the capital at a standstill for nearly three full weeks are calling the federal government's use of the *Emergencies Act* a scare tactic. [Link](#)**

OVERALL ASSESSMENT: (Derived from information available on open sources)

- **The majority of the events have been peaceful.**
- **Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.**

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[1] <https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/internet/us-trucker-convoy-picks-momentum-foreign-meddling-adds-fray-rcna15932>

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